

REMARKS

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 1-3, 8 and 9, and newly added claims 19 and 20. Claims 4-7 and 10-18 have been canceled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-3. By amendment, claim 8 now contains many of the recitations of allowable claim 1, and is thus allowable. Further, many of the recitations originally in claims 8 and 9 may be found in newly added claims 19 and 20, which depend from claim 8, directly or indirectly. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8, 9, 19 and 20 are also directed to allowable subject matter.

In view of the allowable nature of the subject matter of all of the claims, if the Examiner cannot issue an immediate allowance, it is respectfully requested that he contact the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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